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## *The University of Dayton*

## *News Release*

### UD PRESIDENT INVITED TO ROME FOR DIALOGUE ABOUT VATICAN DOCUMENT ON CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

DAYTON, Ohio, August 19, 1988--University of Dayton President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., will meet with representatives of Catholic universities from around the world in Rome next April to engage in dialogue with the Pope and Vatican officials on an apostolic letter the Pope is preparing on Catholic higher education.

Fitz is one of only 18 American delegates chosen from among the country's 231 Catholic colleges and universities. He was selected by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to attend the gathering, which is scheduled April 18-25.

"What is being sought is a consensus on the challenges that Catholic higher education confronts worldwide and how we can bring the resources of a 2,000-year-old Catholic intellectual tradition to bear on these challenges," Fitz said. "What I and others, who will be part of the delegation, will want is to find a way that we can be truly Catholic in the tradition of American independent higher education."

In 1985, the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education prepared a "schema" on the nature and purpose of Catholic universities. That schema, which drew negative reactions from many college presidents, is expected to be revised before the meeting in Rome.

Fitz has served as president of UD, the nation's ninth largest Catholic university, since 1979. He is a member of the Bishops and Presidents Committee, which serves as a liaison between Catholic universities and American bishops, and is a past member of the board of directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A complete listing of the ACCU Rome delegation is attached.



## ACCU ROME DELEGATION

1. Brother Raymond Fitz, SM  
President, University of Dayton
2. Dorothy Brown  
President, Rosemont College
3. Rev. William J. Byron, SJ  
President, The Catholic University of America
4. Brigid Driscoll, RSHM  
President, Marymount College
5. Magdalen Coughlin, CSJ  
President, Mount Saint Mary's College
6. Patrick Ellis, FSC  
President, LaSalle University
7. Kathleen Feeley, SSND  
President, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
8. Sally Furay, RSCJ  
Vice President and Provost, University of San Diego
9. Alice Gallin, OSU  
Executive Director, American Catholic Colleges and Universities
10. Joseph Hagan  
President, Assumption College
11. Dorothy Ann Kelly, OSU  
President, College of New Rochelle
12. Francis Kerins  
President, Carroll College
13. Rev. Edward Malloy, CSC  
President, University of Notre Dame
14. Very Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ  
President, Boston College
15. Joseph A. O'Hare, SJ  
President, Fordham University
16. Paul Reiss  
President, Saint Michael's College
17. Thomas Scanlan, FSC  
President, Manhattan College
18. Rev. William Sullivan, SJ  
President, Seattle University